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Prime Minister sets 11-week campaign

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With the official campaign barely 24 hours old, candidates of all stripes hustled to the hustings in Calgary on Monday.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau paid a visit to the city — not exactly friendly territory for his party — for a rally in the newly formed riding of Calgary Confederation.

"Our plan is to invest in the people who need it most — the middle class and those working hard to join them," Trudeau told a gathering of hundreds. "It's been far too long since someone did that."

Meanwhile, Conservative candidate Michelle Rempel was busy putting up signs and knocking on doors in her Calgary—Nose Hill riding.

"I think we have a very strong track record to run on in regard to tax reduction, job creation and a very strong contrast with the opposition parties in regards to plans," she told Metro.

But Laura Weston, the NDP candidate in Calgary Midnapore, begged to differ.

"Many are disenchanted with the Conservatives' economic plan," she said. "There's been a lot of promises to boost the economy and create jobs over the last several years, and that hasn't come into fruition, so a lot are looking to the NDP as an alternative."

Others, like the Green Party's Taryn Knorren, were simply introducing themselves to Calgarians and dispel any misconceptions.

Knorren, who's running in the riding of Calgary Signal Hill, said the Green Party is more fiscally conservative than many people realize and has a set of policy proposals that go well beyond just protecting the environment.

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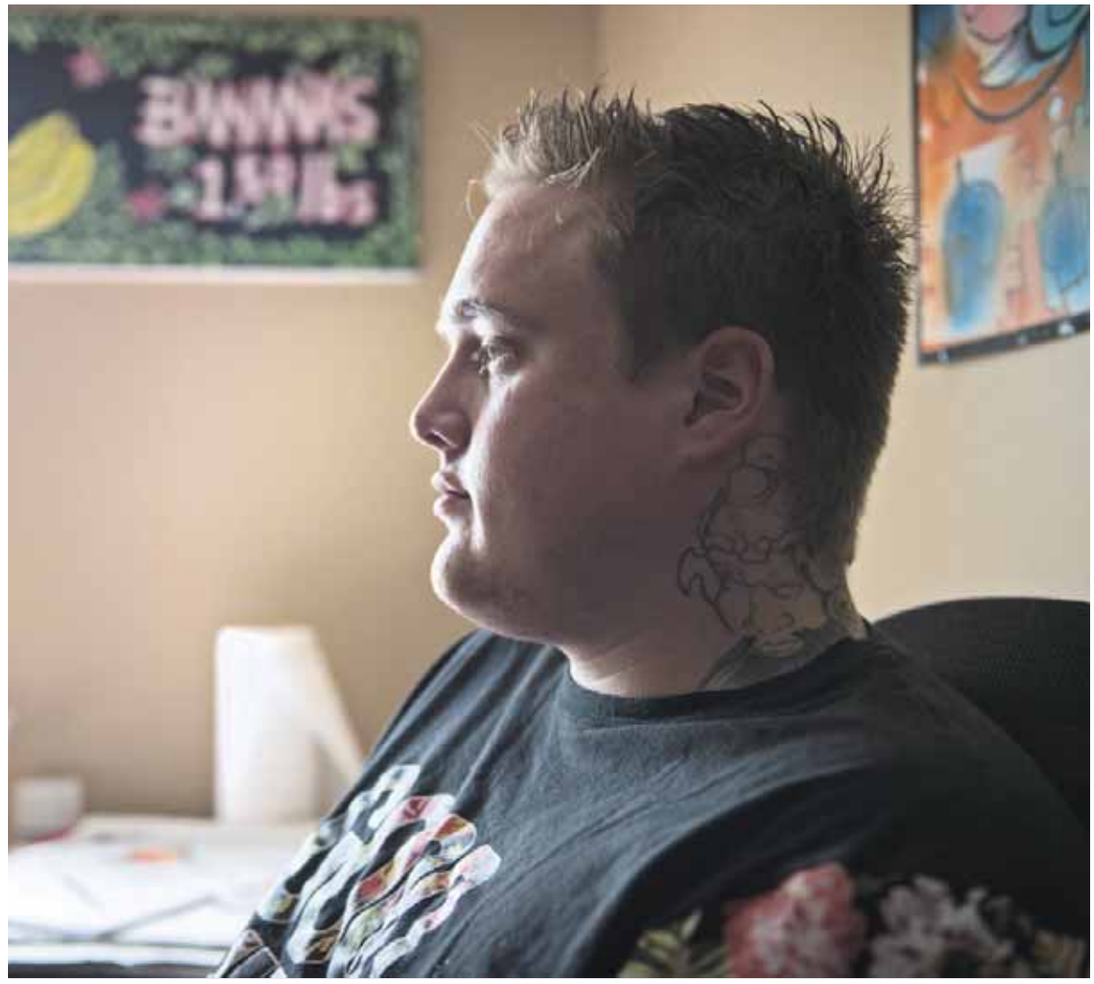

COPING THROUGH ART

Morgan Paul struggled with hallucinations and tried to self-medicate before being diagnosed with schizophrenia at age 20. Now he's found a better way to deal with his disease: Art. Story in metroNEWS. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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IN BRIEF

Woman dead, man missing after boating incident

A woman is dead and a man is still missing after police say they've found a boat adrift on McGregor Lake's shoreline Sunday.

Officers with the Vulcan RCMP were called to the lake at 5:15 p.m. to investigate the boat, which was drifting aimlessly with no one aboard. Witnesses told police a man and woman were seen earlier in the day setting out on the lake in the same boat.

A short time later, the woman's body was found on a nearby beach.

Anyone with information is asked to call 403-485-2267. METRO

Police looking for man who committed indecent act

Calgary police are looking for help from the public in locating a man who committed an indecent act.

The man reportedly entered a park in the 3400 block of 31A Avenue SE at about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, stood about 15 metres away from a pair of women, unzipped his pants and started masturbating.

The suspect is described as a white male, in his 30 or 40s, and is at least five-foot-nine, with a medium build and greyish hair.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call police at 403-266-1234, or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477. METRO

Prototype offering a bar with a view

INVENTION

'Balcony Bar' creator plans to launch crowdfunding campaign

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary inventor fed up with the small size of his balcony has created an economical way to rest snacks and beverages without giving up the precious little space he has.

Brad Knight has built a prototype of "Balcony Bar," a collapsible countertop-space that latches on to the railing of any balcony or deck. Now he's working with a local company to create a more cost-efficient version of his first model.

The idea originally struck him in 2005, when Knight came home to his 10th-floor apartment after a 12-hour shift. With only one beer in the fridge, he stepped out onto his small balcony to enjoy the refreshing beverage in the cool night air.

Then the phone rang and he placed the beer on the hand railing.

"I went in to grab the phone. When I came back outside my beer had fallen off the handrail, 10 storeys down," he said. "I was pretty choked."

Calgary inventor Brad Knight created a prototype of his Balcony Bar, a countertop-space for small balconies. CONTRIBUTED

The loss of his only beer prompted Knight to brainstorm a safer way to keep his beverage safe on his diminutive balcony.

The project was put on hold for nearly a decade, as Knight lacked the financial resources to patent and build a prototype of his invention, until just recently.

With a solid prototype, Knight plans to launch a crowdfunding campaign later this year to gauge community interest and put his product on the market.

For more information, check out www.balconybar.net.

> **"When I came back outside my beer had fallen off the handrail.... I was pretty choked.**
> Brad Knight

WATER CONSERVATION

Growing 'greener' gardens

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Some yards in Calgary will soon see an ecological makeover.

As part of the YardSmart program, the city has targeted four communities — Evanston, SkyView Ranch, Oakridge and Mayland Heights — to discuss water conservation via "Beauty on a Budget" workshops.

The goal is to reduce outdoor water consumption by turning green lawns into eco-friendly spaces, said Catriona Laird, the city's public programs coordinator with water services.

No matter where you live, everyone is connected to the city's rivers, she said, adding less outdoor water usage helps the city better manage its systems.

"We're really looking to increase the knowledge and awareness," she said. "But, a beautiful yard can also go hand and hand with a healthy river."

Beautifying your yard also is relatively inexpensive, Laird said.

"You can have a beautiful yard that protects our rivers and you don't have to spend a ton of money."

For the YardSmart program, the city targets specific communities based on their local ecological programs and proximity to primary watershed areas — the Bow River, Nose Creek and the Glenmore Reservoir.

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Trudeau lays into Harper

ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Liberal leader piles criticism on PM during stop in the city

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Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau pauses for a selfie in Calgary on Monday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Hundreds of Liberal supporters rallied around their leader in Calgary Monday, as Justin Trudeau made the historically Liberal-hostile city the second stop on his campaign tour and aimed the majority of his rhetorical barbs squarely at Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"Calgarians and Albertans want change," he told a cheering crowd in the jam-packed campaign headquarters of candidate Matt Grant in the newly formed Calgary Confederation riding.

"You're tired of being taken for granted by a government that is more focused on itself than on you, that spends your money on themselves to buy an election instead of investing it in you, to make your lives better."

Trudeau described the federal government's sudden announcement of nearly $2 billion in future funding for the Green Line of the LRT and the southwest ring road — just days before Harper called the election — a "disingenuous" attempt to bribe Calgary voters with their own money.

"Mr. Harper had 10 years to invest in infrastructure," Trudeau said. "Mr. Harper had opportunities to work with municipalities and provinces to invest in the kind of public transit that we know we need."

In a nearly 30-minute address to the partisan crowd, Trudeau mentioned NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair — whose party held a double-digit lead over both the Conservatives and Liberals in a Forum Research poll conducted Sunday — only in passing.

Instead, over and over, Trudeau took aim at the prime minister.

He said Harper has turned Conservative MPs into his personal mouthpieces rather than allowing them to be the voices of their constituents in Ottawa. He accused Harper of hypocrisy for running on principles of openness and transparency a decade ago while presiding over years of increased government secrecy, gag orders, and blame shifting.

> **The course we're on has led straight back into recession.**
> Justin Trudeau

And he described Harper's "divisive diplomacy" on climate change as a disaster for Alberta, saying it has led to the oil sands becoming a "scapegoat" on the international stage, impeding the province's ability to move its product to markets.

As U.S. President Barack Obama announced Monday "the next major step in carbon reduction" in that country, Trudeau said Harper's lack of a coherent carbon-reduction plan has put Canada even further out of step "with our closest ally."

GREEN PARTY

Knorren challenges old image

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

For Calgary Signal Hill Green Party candidate Taryn Knorren, one of the biggest challenges is educating more people about the Green Party.

She hopes to dispel "preconceived notions that the Green Party is Greenpeace and we're just a bunch of pot-smoking hippies."

Taryn Knorren CONTRIBUTED

"That's not it at all," she said Monday. "There are so many fantastic, smart people from all walks of life in the Green Party. We want to represent all Canadians."

She said her platform is fiscally conservative, but socially leans on the left. She supports building refineries in the oil sands and wants to focus her campaign on economic issues.

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ELECTION

NDP candidate sees growing support

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Although the campaign has only started, Calgary's federal NDP candidates say they're confident the party will see a breakthrough in October.

Knocking on doors Monday afternoon, Laura Weston, the federal NDP candidate for Calgary Midnapore, said her volunteer base has grown by 60 people over the last two weeks.

"We're seeing a steady increase in the number of volunteers," she said. "There's a lot of people from the provincial election who were ready and eager to jump into a new campaign."

> **People like change, and they like seeing a fresh face.**
> Laura Weston, NDP candidate

She said it's too early to tell if the orange wave in May's provincial election will impact the federal landscape.

"There's been a shakeup," she said. "What that's going to translate into is still difficult to say, but what I've been hearing is that people are ready for change."

Calgary Shaw NDP MLA Graham Sucha echoed that, saying Calgarians are less cautious about the federal NDP now than they were two months ago.

Currently, the federal NDP has two nominated candidates campaigning in the city but expect more nominations to be announced this week, Weston said.

Weston will be going up against long-time Conservative MP Jason Kenney, who served as minister of national defence and minister for multiculturalism.

However, Kenney's credentials don't worry her. She said people have told her they're fed up with some policies he's introduced.

"I see that as an advantage," she said. "People like change, and they like seeing a fresh face."

NDP volunteer Michael Plumb said he used to support the Conservatives until he felt the party's policies became too right-wing.

"Now it's gone so far right it's become the Republican Party of the North," Plumb said. "I really like (Weston) and (the NDP's) approach."

Federal NDP volunteers and MLA Graham Sucha (third from left) out door knocking in support of candidate Laura Weston (centre). JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Conservative candidate Michelle Rempel kicked her campaign in Calgary—Nose Hill into high gear Monday, putting up signs and knocking on doors. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Rempel: Campaign off to 'positive start'

ELECTION

Conservative candidate aims to engage more voters

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The signs are coming out, the volunteers are making phone calls, and candidates like Michelle Rempel are knocking on doors to engage the community for the upcoming federal election.

Rempel is the Conservative candidate running for re-election in the Calgary—Nose Hill riding. She said Monday the campaign is off to a positive start, and the unusually long 11 weeks before voting day will prove to be a boon for her.

"I've got a big riding, right? I have thousands of voters… and one of our key objectives is to reach each and every single voter as many times as we can," she said.

"We know that's a challenge and that's why we've engaged so many volunteers."

Rempel estimates she's had about 1,000 volunteers over the past four years, helping her engage voters in one-on-one conversations.

In regards to running a longer campaign, she says candidates knew about the fixed election date of Oct. 19, and many had begun to campaign already. The longer campaign allows candidates to continue what they're doing in accordance with Elections Canada rules, she said.

1,000

In the last four years, about 1,000 volunteers have assisted Michelle Rempel's campaign.

It also allows Rempel to reach more of her constituents, who said the recent moves made by the Conservative government have earned favour with voters. She highlighted the universal child-care benefit and family tax cuts, in particular.

"What I've heard and seen in the last four years, but definitely ramping up in the last few months, has been concern and appreciation for the tax reduction measures that our government implemented and carried through in the context of a balanced budget," she said. "And also Prime Minister Harper's leadership in very shaky economic times."

Rempel said her strength is having articulate and coherent policy platforms, which she believes the opposition parties lack.

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VANDALISM

MRU students may help save bus shelters: Calgary Transit

Helen Pike
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Calgary Transit is eagerly looking into a study by students at Mount Royal University (MRU) on bus-shelter crime.

Earlier this year, Calgary Transit began an awareness campaign to try to curb last year's troubling 78 per cent increase in bus-shelter smashes.

Ritesh Narayan, a criminologist and lecturer at MRU, was teaching a geography of crime class when he and his students noticed news articles about this rising trend in vandalism.

Their study encompasses data from Outfront Media, around 32 students and about 2,000 man-hours of work. Narayan said they were able to narrow down the possible suspects, recommend better materials and calculate a relationship between vandalism and how much value people put in their neighbourhood.

"It reflects the increase in bus-shelter vandalism in those places," Narayan said.

Brian Whitelaw with Calgary Transit said the study will help create better strategies.

"It's that type of work we can build off of and see if we can validate it with our own internal information," said Whitelaw. "I consider that to be an important report. First, it's Canadian, it's Calgary, and it looks at trying to provide more empirical information to the issue."

He added that there are many assumptions made when it comes to the vandalism, but the study is helping Calgary Transit ferret out the truth.

Whitelaw said Calgary Transit is acting immediately on some findings, such as the suggestion that schoolchildren are often responsible for vandalism around their public-transit bus routes.

> **It's that type of work we can build off of.**
> Brian Whitelaw, with Calgary Transit

"Most of the bus shelters that were being vandalized were at some point being used by school students," Narayan said. "Maybe there should be more education in schools."

Whitelaw said Calgary Transit is working with school resource officers to come up with a suitable education plan for the fall.

"What we want to do is go out with those tailored messages to the school, but we want to be careful not to say this is just a youth problem," Whitelaw said.

"Kids have all heard things and they're easily willing to share it, and that again overall helps you understand who breaks bus shelters."

Shattered glass is strewn about the ground and on the bench of a bus shelter in northeast Calgary. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

MISSING PERSONS

Woman's safety in question

Calgary police are looking for help from the public in locating a missing young woman.

Alanna Tracey, 22, was last seen leaving her home in the community of Dover on Friday.

She is described as white, about five-foot-four and approximately 125 pounds, with a medium build. She has hazel eyes, brown hair and a tattoo on her right forearm that says "gratitude" in cursive script.

Calgary police said Monday afternoon that, at this point, they just want to ensure she is safe. They said "she is not in any trouble" with police. METRO

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Artist aims for success despite schizophrenia

ADVOCACY

Morgan Paul talks mental health and art in new book

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Calgary artist and author Morgan Paul with some of his artwork. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

As soon as Morgan Paul realized he had an interesting story to tell, his life began to rebound for the better.

In his second book, Lunatic's Guide to Art, Paul compiles tips, thoughts and conversations about how he and others like him can cope as starving artists with mental-health issues.

Paul was diagnosed with schizophrenia shortly after his 20th birthday in 2010. Prior to that revelation, Paul said, there was a lot of drinking, drugs, broken hearts and self-hate.

It began in 2009 when he took his first hit of ketamine — something veterinarians use to put cats to sleep — while consuming alcohol. It can be a deadly combination that seasoned drug users avoid, according to Paul's autobiography, Break from Reality.

For the next year, the ketamine would foreshadow Paul's turbulent downward spiral, where he would experiment with harsher drugs, lose jobs, end relationships and experience frightening hallucinations he didn't associate with schizophrenia at the time.

There were moments when he thought he was saying outrageous things to his friends.

To test that theory, Paul held water in his mouth for as long as he could to ensure he wasn't moving his lips. But the voices persisted.

"At first when you don't know (hallucinations are) happening, it's really terrifying," he said.

The artist's canvasses would also speak to him, sometimes.

As a result, he said, it was time for an intervention.

> **It feels like I'm pretty much normal again. (Art) takes your mind off problems that shouldn't really matter.** Morgan Paul

Later that year, Paul woke to his parents knocking on his door, ready to take him to the hospital.

In the psychiatric ward for three months, Paul — now diagnosed with schizophrenia — felt he had no control over his emotions.

Still, he would temporarily return to drugs and alcohol after leaving the hospital, almost reaching the same levels of psychosis he felt prior to being diagnosed.

It wasn't until his psychologist later recommended he try Art Recruits, a program that helps those with mental illness find work and reintegrate with society.

By the end of the program, he had the chance to showcase his work to an audience. He realized people were interested and that he could have his own show.

Eventually, that dream came true: Paul had his first show at the now-defunct Gorilla House. Nobody bought anything, but it gave him a taste that led him to pursue his dream of becoming a successful artist.

He admitted his art had slightly suffered since going on medication and painting while sober.

But it's been worth it, he said.

"It feels like I'm pretty much normal again," he said. "(Art) takes your mind off problems that shouldn't really matter."

He said he wants to prove to others he can be a successful artist with schizophrenia.

"We're not stupid," he said. "We're going through something. That's all it is."

LAUNCH

Lunatic's Guide to Art launches Tuesday evening at Feather Gallery at 36 Woodfern Crt. S.W. from 5 to 8 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT

Oil-well program faulty: Critics

A program in Alberta to deal with thousands of dormant oil and gas wells that don't meet safety and monitoring standards needs to be strengthened, critics say, as falling crude prices could see their numbers swell.

Energy operators have brought approximately 3,600 wells in line with provincial regulations as part of a compliance program the province launched in April.

The Alberta Energy Regulator's goal for the 2015-16 fiscal year is just under 5,500 wells.

While that shows the organization is two-thirds of its way to meeting its goal, that still leaves more than 22,100 wells that aren't in compliance with rules that govern fencing and testing for leaks, among other measures, said Carrie Rose, a spokeswoman for the regulator.

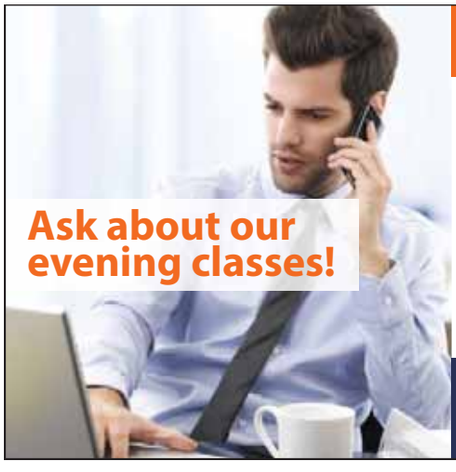
Rose said the program is meant to bring them into compliance over the next five years.

But Barry Robinson, national program director for regions at Ecojustice, said that in the meantime those wells could still contaminate the environment.

Jason Unger, staff counsel at the Environmental Law Centre, said the regulator should explain why operators were allowed to have so many wells not complying with regulations in the first place.

Concern over inactive wells comes as the number of orphaned wells has swelled from 162 in March to more than 700.

According to the Alberta Energy Regulator, there are roughly 77,000 inactive wells across the province. Of those wells, an estimated 18,000 haven't been active for more than a decade. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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HITCHBOT

Creators mull rebuild after robot destroyed

The friendly Canadian hitchhiking robot that met its untimely end on the hard streets of Philadelphia might be given another chance at life.

HitchBOT's co-creators say they have been overwhelmed with support and offers to revive the child-sized robot since it was destroyed early Saturday and they are considering rebuilding it.

The robot was on a hitchhiking adventure in the U.S. after successful ventures in Canada and parts of Europe that saw strangers help hitchBOT travel from place to place while checking items off its bucket list.

This time, hitchBOT was dismembered before it could complete its goals — which this time included taking a selfie with the Hollywood sign and seeing the house from the Pixar mwovie Up.

Frauke Zeller of Ryerson University and David Smith of McMaster University created hitchBOT and kept its adventures going as a social experiment with a number of their students.

Zeller said many people have reached out with offers to rebuild hitchBOT, and her team will make a decision on whether or not they will bring the robot back to life in coming days.

"We were taken quite by surprise because it's been going so well so far," she said.

"We don't really know what to do, so we have to sit down with the whole team and really see where we are and what can be done."

She said she knows the news has been heartbreaking for many of hitchBOT's fans, children and adults alike.

Smith said the robot's destruction is the exception to "many, many" unsupervised encounters that hitchBOT has had with strangers. During its short-lived U.S. trip, the adventurous hitchBOT attended a Red Sox game — even donning a jersey over its cylindrical body — and took a ride on a New York City subway.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper gets instructions on how to operate a machine that puts the finishing touch on a radiator Monday in Laval, Que. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper set for trade talks

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

PM promises election campaign won't interfere

Stephen Harper says he won't let his marathon ballot battle keep Canada out of a massive international partnership billed as the backbone of future global trade in the Pacific Rim.

Talks to establish the long-promised 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership will continue and Canada will be there, Harper promised — notwithstanding the protracted 11-week election campaign he triggered.

The partnership, "should it be concluded, will in our view form the fundamental trading network of the entire Asia-Pacific region," he said during a campaign stop in Laval, Que., north of Montreal.

"It is important that Canada remain at the table; we will remain at the table during this election campaign ... and we will make sure that should there be a deal, we will get the best possible deal for this country."

New Zealand officials told The Canadian Press that the talks wouldn't wait until after the campaign — a sentiment echoed in media reports Monday by John Key, Harper's New Zealand counterpart.

Taking questions on the first full day of the campaign, Harper said negotiators would continue to defend Canadian interests, notably the country's supply management system, which protects dairy producers.

Officials say last week's talks in Hawaii came close to reaching a deal — indeed, sources said the Conservatives were hoping to make an agreement a central feature of the party's campaign kickoff on Sunday.

Canada offered to allow more dairy imports, but the offers were far from what New Zealand and Australia were asking for, officials said. Dairy-market access was one of several sticking points at the 12-country negotiations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SCIENCE

Genetics cause some cerebral palsy: Study

Cerebral palsy, the most common cause of physical disability in children, has long been thought to result from brain injury in the fetus. But new Canadian research is challenging that notion, finding that at least one in 10 cases likely has an underlying genetic cause.

About two in every 1,000 babies born are affected by cerebral palsy. An estimated 50,000 Canadian children and adults have the condition, which leads to varying degrees of motor impairment, including muscle spasticity and involuntary movements.

Traditionally, cerebral palsy was believed to be caused by a stroke or infection of the brain in the developing fetus, or by birth asphyxia — a lack of oxygen to the infant during delivery.

But genetic testing of a group of 115 affected children from across Canada found that in 10 per cent of cases, structural changes to the DNA appear to have given rise to the condition.

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Feds see new space for NASA

NASA

Privatization of space travel offers Canada opportunities

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The increasing privatization of space travel could spell good news for Canadian companies, and a newly released document shows the federal government is keeping an eye on it.

An April briefing note to outgoing Industry Minister James Moore notes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's increasing reliance on private companies to provide launch spacecraft could open opportunities for Canadian companies to participate in the U.S. space agency's launches.

"NASA's increasing reliance on the private sector for its crew and cargo launch systems could represent opportunities for Canadian companies who are heavily integrated in U.S. space supply chains," says the document.

Metro obtained the briefing note under the Access to Information Act.

The 2011 retirement of NASA's space shuttle program marked the beginning of an increased commercial role in the agency's space program, the document says. For example, NASA now depends on the Russian Soyuz to transport crew to the International Space Station.

Meanwhile, Boeing and SpaceX are developing new manned spacecraft, and SpaceX and Orbital won a contract in 2012 to provide cargo launch services for NASA.

This "major shift" is making the space marketplace more competitive and accessible, the document notes, which spells good news for Canadian companies.

For example, Richmond, B.C.-based MDA is part of a consortium of space companies providing parts for the "Dream Chaser," a new space plane being developed by U.S. company Sierra Nevada Space Systems, which would carry up to seven people to and from low earth orbit.

"Other Canadian companies like ComDev may also be potential component or sub-system providers," the note says.

While Canada lacks launch capability of its own, Canadian industry and the Canadian Space Agency have long been key players in NASA's space program and the International Space Station.

The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon spacecraft lifts off from Space Launch Complex 40 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Sunday, June 28, 2015 .

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ORDER OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Honour awarded to Kevin Vickers

Kevin Vickers, the former sergeant-at-arms in Parliament, has been named a recipient of the Order of New Brunswick for his role in stopping a shooting spree by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau last fall.

Vickers stopped the gunman in the House of Commons last October shortly after Zehaf-Bibeau killed Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, who was standing guard at the National War Memorial, and rushed into the building with his rifle.

Premier Brian Gallant also named Camille Albert, an entrepreneur; Sister Arleen Brawley, for her work in addictions; Gary Gould, for his work with off-reserve aboriginal people; Brent Hawkes, for his leadership in support of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights; and photographer Thaddeus Holownia.

Also named were Carol Loughrey, for supporting women in business; Sister Adele Morin, for her work on behalf of children with intellectual disabilities; Dr. Rejean Thomas, a physician and a missionary; and Marlene Unger for her human rights, social justice and education work.

The Order of New Brunswick was established in 2000 to recognize individuals who demonstrate a high level of excellence and achievement in their particular field.

A ceremony to present this year's recipients with their awards will be held at Government House in Fredericton on Nov. 4.

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MONTREAL

Archeological dig to explore prison ruins

The City of Montreal is hoping that an upcoming archeological dig will unearth some old secrets, including artifacts from a former convent and 18th century prison whose ruins lie under city hall.

The elegant limestone building that currently houses city hall sits on a site that was once home to a Jesuit convent, which was seized by the Crown after the 1763 conquest of New France and transformed into a jail around 1768.

Earlier this week the City of Montreal put out a call for bidders for archeological services at Place Vauquelin, the square in front of city hall.

In an email, city spokeswoman Valerie De Gagne said that beginning this fall archeologists will explore the soil for traces of the convent, which dates back to 1692 and included a chapel, church, residence, yard and garden. They will also sift the ruins of a later jail, built in 1808 after the converted convent buildings were damaged by fire.

The work has been commissioned ahead of planned repairs to the square and the foundations of city hall and the adjoining building, which houses the city's finance department.

"The archeologists will survey the archeological traces that remain, and will sift the soil where they are found," De Gagne wrote. "This will allow them to learn more about the activities that took place in this location over time."

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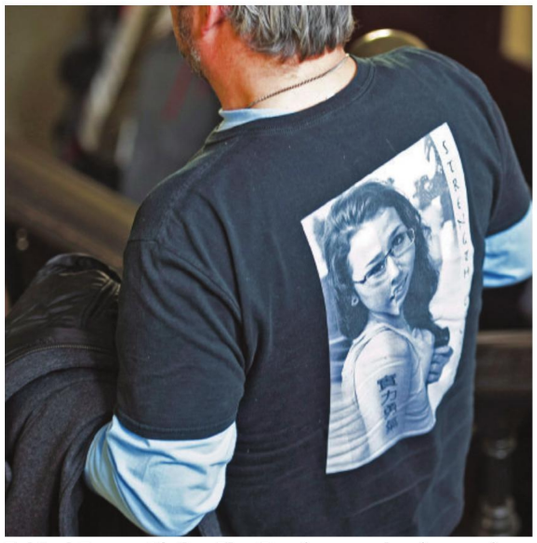
IN BRIEF

Tornado touches down in southwestern Ontario

Weather experts say a tornado ripped through a southwestern Ontario community Sunday night, tearing the roof from a bungalow and damaging several police cars.

Environment Canada issued a statement that said the violent winds of up to 220 kilometres per hour occurred in Teviotdale, northwest of Kitchener.

It said the tornado left about nine kilometres of damage in its wake, including destroying the exteriors of two homes, ripping through barns, wrecking cars and downing trees and power lines alike. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Rehtaeh Parsons' father Glen Canning, seen leaving provincial court in Halifax in January, believes threats from hacktivist group Anonymous spurred Halifax police to reopen their investigation. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anonymous got justice: Parsons' dad

CYBERBULLYING

But one expert raises red flags over vigilante response

While experts and officials decry recent instances of vigilantism by the hacktivist group Anonymous, one beneficiary of the group's activism is adamant that justice would never have been served without involvement by the clandestine organization.

Glen Canning said he believes Anonymous' threats to publicly identify boys allegedly involved in the cyberbullying that predated his daughter Rehtaeh Parsons' death prompted Halifax police to reopen their investigation and eventually lay charges.

None of this would have happened if Anonymous hadn't stepped in, said Canning. "I believe that absolutely. I have no question about that at all."

Her family alleges Parsons was sexually assaulted in November 2011 and bullied for months when a digital photo of the assault was passed around her school. She died after attempting suicide in 2013. An angry post from Parsons' mother brought the case to the attention of Anonymous, said Canning.

"Why go through the courts? Why go through the system?" he said in a telephone interview from Nova Scotia. "Why be revictimized again when you can write something and get a hold of some people online who can really do a hell of a lot more to bring you a sense of justice than the police and the courts can?"

Anonymous is a shadowy, loosely knit collective known for its online activism targeting governments, corporations and religious groups around the world on prominent social justice issues.

Dalhousie University law professor and cyberbullying expert Wayne MacKay said Anonymous has played a role in advancing the cause of justice, such as spurring governments to take action. Though no government would concede publicly it had acted in response to pressure from Anonymous, he added.

Still, MacKay raised a red flag about the group's unorthodox style of activism.

"Even if they're filling a hole in our justice system does that justify breaking the law?" he said.

"Often the answer to that would be no. We do have a structured justice system for a reason and we shouldn't necessarily allow a sort of vigilante response even if we think the main justice system is moving too slowly."

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MONTREAL

Trial for alleged Hells Angels delayed

The trial of seven alleged Hells Angels members accused of murder and conspiracy after a massive police operation in 2009 has been postponed until Aug. 10.

It was scheduled to start Monday in Montreal but one of the jurors couldn't participate due to professional reasons.

The trial is the result of a 2009 police operation called SharQc that netted more than 150 people, including 111 suspected members of the Hells Angels biker gang.

Two people charged in the case pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy to commit murder, bringing the total number of people who have pleaded out to 103.

In May 2011 a judge released 31 of the accused due to unreasonable delays in the court proceedings.

Another two accused, who are anglophone, will have a separate trial, in English, beginning in January.

Eight people wanted in the case are still on the lam and three accused have died since 2009.

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DEVELOPMENT

UN aims to end poverty

The 193 member states of the United Nations have reached agreement on a new development agenda for the next 15 years that calls for eradicating poverty and hunger, achieving gender equality, improving living standards and taking urgent action to combat climate change.

The draft agreement reached Sunday evening outlines 17 goals with 169 specific targets on issues ranging from ending poverty "in all its forms everywhere" to ensuring quality education and affordable and reliable energy, and protecting the environment. The document — called Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — will be adopted at a UN summit just before the annual meeting of world leaders at the General Assembly in late September.

The 17 new goals will succeed the eight Millennium Development Goals adopted by world leaders 15 years ago.

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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks at the White House about his Clean Power Plan. ANDREW HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama unveils his green plan

CLIMATE CHANGE

President sets strict limits for power plant emissions

U.S. President Barack Obama has announced even steeper greenhouse gas cuts from American power plants than previously expected, a challenge to the rest of the world to take serious action as a global summit to finalize a landmark climate change treaty approaches at the end of this year.

Obama's actions on climate change have faced opposition from Republicans and even some Democrats who fear the impacts on the U.S. economy.

Opponents plan to sue immediately, and to ask the courts to block the rule temporarily. The National Mining Association on Monday asked the Environmental Protection Agency to put the rule on hold while legal challenges play out.

The Obama administration last year proposed the first greenhouse gas limits on existing power plants in U.S. history, triggering a yearlong review. These final changes aim to address concerns raised by both environmentalists and the energy industry.

Some changes further cut the heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming. Other changes delay implementation and eliminate certain options that states could use to show they're cutting emissions, making it harder to comply.

Some states will be given a more lenient target, while others will have tougher targets to meet. The Obama administration has yet to disclose those state-specific targets. Many states, however, have threatened not to comply.

Power plants will have to attain an even lower level of carbon dioxide pollution to be in compliance. Obama's proposal from last year set the target as a 30 per cent nationwide cut by 2030, compared to the levels in 2005. His new plan calls for a 32 per cent cut in the same time period.

Power plants account for one-third of all U.S. emissions of heat-trapping gases.

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RENEWABLE

Plan banking on wind, solar energy sources

Obama's revised plan relies more heavily on renewable energy sources like wind and solar replacing dirtier coal-fired power plants. Obama now wants the U.S. to get 28 per cent of its power from renewables by 2030, compared to 22 per cent in his earlier proposal.

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COLORADO THEATRE SHOOTING

Jury won't rule out death penalty

Jurors in the Colorado theatre shooting trial declined to rule out the death penalty Monday as they move toward sentencing James Holmes.

The decision clears the way for one last attempt from both sides to sway the jury with gripping testimony from victims about their harm and suffering as well as more appeals to show mercy to the man convicted of murdering 12 people and trying to kill 70 more.

Holmes, who is taking antipsychotic drugs that dull his reactions, stood as ordered and appeared emotionless as the judge read the decisions. On all 24 murder counts carrying a potential death penalty — two for each of the 12 people slain — the jury found that aggravating factors outweighed mitigating factors.

James Holmes. THE DENVER POST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

With that, the jury was sent home and told to return Tuesday morning for the final phase. Then, the nine women and three men will finally decide whether the 27-year-old should receive a lethal injection, or spend life in prison without parole.

The same jury rejected the defence claim that mental illness so warped his mind that Holmes could not tell right from wrong when he carried out the theatre attack in the Denver suburb of Aurora on July 20, 2012.

Prosecutors argued, and jurors agreed, that capital punishment could be appropriate because Holmes sprang a terrifying and cruel ambush on unsuspecting victims.

Defence lawyers argued that mental illness nevertheless reduced Holmes' "moral culpability."

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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE

Weather helps crews battling blaze

Cooler weather helped crews build a buffer Monday between a raging Northern California wildfire and some of the thousands of homes it threatened as it tore through drought-withered brush that hadn't burned in years.

At least two dozen homes were destroyed over the past few days, and more than 13,000 people were urged to flee.

The fire — the largest blaze in drought-stricken California — roughly tripled in size over the weekend to 240 square kilometres, generating its own winds that fuelled the flames and reduced thousands of acres of manzanita shrubs and other brush to barren land in hours.

Numerous other wildfires in California, Washington state and Oregon took off as drought and summer heat turned the West Coast combustible. California blazes killed a firefighter last week and injured four others over the weekend.

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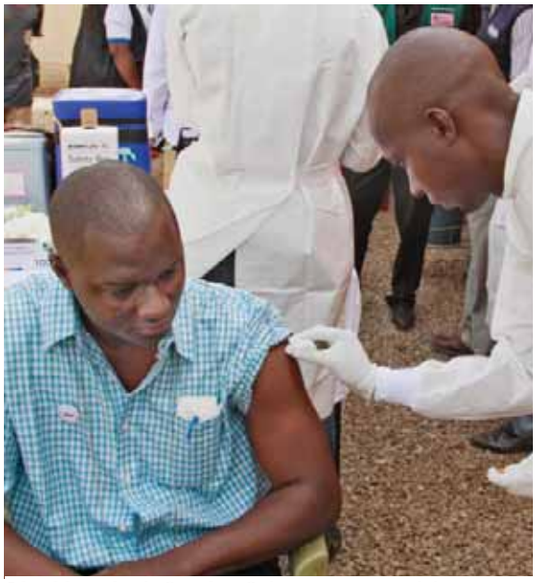

A health worker in Conakry, Guinea, prepares to inject a man with an Ebola vaccine. ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO/ YOUSSOUF BAH

Ebola virus re-emerges

WORLD HEALTH

CDC director assures public after latest outbreak

Sierra Leone is in a stronger place than it was six months ago to fight Ebola, but the new challenge is to get to zero cases, the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday during a visit.

Dr. Thomas Frieden made that statement, as new cases emerged in the city in an area that had not seen the virus for months. Two new cases of Ebola surfaced in Sierra Leone's Northern Tonkolili District after a man died last week. The district had not had a single case of Ebola in five months. The victim contracted the disease in the capital, travelled to his home village, and was treated for a fever at the local hospital, but authorities didn't call the Ebola emergency number. He didn't have a burial that followed special procedures required for Ebola victims.

The man's mother and brother contracted Ebola, the National Ebola Response Centre's OB Sisay said Sunday. Authorities moved quickly to contain the spread, but more cases are feared, he said. Authorities quarantined 500 people.

"We now know where the virus is and we are tracking its movement, by surrounding, containing and eradicating its last remaining chain of transmission," Sisay said.

Dr. Frieden said it was important that the case was identified and not missed, and he was impressed with the speed of the response.

"The challenge now is to get to zero cases and that is not going to be easy," he said. "Authorities must not let down their guard. The country should keep its guard up."

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IN BRIEF

Man shot and killed outside Mississippi courthouse

A man fatally shot a defendant waiting outside a courthouse Monday morning, and a suspect is in custody, according to law enforcement officials.

The suspect was identified as 24-year-old William B. Wells.

Wells allegedly got out of a car, walked up and shot the victim once in the chest with a semiautomatic handgun.

The suspect then laid down the handgun and was arrested without a struggle, Madison County Sheriff Randy Tucker said.

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NATURAL DISASTERS

Pakistan monsoon death toll up to 118

The death toll from flash floods triggered by seasonal monsoon rains in various parts of Pakistan has risen to 118 and floodwater has inundated vast areas, leaving tens of thousands homeless, authorities said Monday.

The National Disaster Management Authority said the flooding has affected more than 800,000 people in 2,275 villages. About 2,900 houses have collapsed or are partially damaged.

The northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province is the worst affected, with 59 deaths reported there, according to NDMA's statement. The Pakistani part of Kashmir and southern part of eastern Punjab province each reported 22 deaths.

In mid-July, monsoon rains followed by flash floods badly hit the northwestern city of Chitral, where flooding destroyed several bridges, homes, mosques, hotels and a power station. Pakistan army's engineers repaired damaged bridges in Chitral, while boats and helicopters evacuated those affected.

Heavy monsoon rains and flooding also affected the scenic Gilgit Baltistan region where five deaths were reported in affected 175 villages and over 600 houses completely or partly damaged. A total of 136,000 people were affected there.

The southern part of largest Punjab province is another region badly hit by the flooding. The NDMA and Pakistani military moved tens of thousands of people from there to safety and provided relief goods. The operation was continuing in southern Punjab.

The rain continued Monday but weather conditions are expected to improve in coming days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A woman covers her nose from the stench as she walks on a street partly blocked by piles of garbage in Beirut, Lebanon, on July 27. Protesters have closed the highway linking Beirut with southern Lebanon over the country's trash crisis. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Streets of Beirut awash in trash

LEBANON

Citizen health impaired by summer heat, closed landfill

It's summer in Beirut, with celebrities and Lebanese expats flocking to international festivals and parties at this proud Mediterranean city's beaches and nightclubs. But the country's own citizens are suffocating from mountains of stinking garbage collecting on the streets — yet another reflection of government paralysis and its inability to find a solution for the capital's rubbish.

Lebanon has enjoyed relative calm amid the violence afflicting neighbouring countries in the past few years. Despite a massive influx of Syrian refugees and occasional outbursts of sectarian clashes, Beirut has largely survived the regional upheaval, even if its politicians have been locked in internal disputes, unable to agree on a new president for more than a year.

But the country's politics caught up with it in the past two weeks after authorities permanently closed down Beirut's main landfill. The Naameh landfill south of Beirut had already been kept open for a year beyond its planned closure, in hopes that the government would find an alternative. It did not.

When the landfill closed July 17, Lebanon's notoriously gridlocked government again failed to take action, leaving piles of smouldering rubbish baking in the sun in the streets of Beirut and its suburbs.

It came amid the busiest time of year in Beirut. International stars such as singer Charles Aznavour, soprano Anna Netrebko and jazz musician Richard Bona are performing at Lebanon's famed summer festivals, and bars and beaches are at full capacity. Partygoers sidestep rotting garbage on the way to bars at Lebanon's famous Gemayzeh street.

As temperatures rise and the country's infamous electricity cuts worsen, the sweltering heat and the stinking, rotting garbage is provoking an outcry from Beirut's two million residents.

"It is a scandal, and what is even a bigger scandal is the politicians who don't feel the need to resign," said Paul Abi Rached, the head of the Lebanese Eco Movement.

During a 10-day stoppage, the fumes got so bad that some residents donned surgical masks against the stench. Piles of trash grew on streets, sidewalks and near building entrances.

Lebanon's commercial centre, with its beautifully restored Ottoman-era buildings and new lavish apartments, has been spared the piles of garbage for now, with most of the trash being taken to an empty lot and covered with a plastic tarp.

Lebanon's waste management company Sukleen resumed random collection on small scale, taking trash to two temporary landfills, including one near Beirut International Airport. But those have started to fill up. Nearby municipalities have refused to accept Beirut's garbage.

Meanwhile, some people have taken to paying for private pickup truck owners to collect the garbage in front of their homes, who dump it at night in unknown locations.

Abi Rached said garbage is also spreading to natural reserves, rivers and valleys.

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It is my duty to warn of the extensive health perils that may result from the current situation.
Health Minister Wael Abou Faour

BACKGROUND

A truly pungent example of political indifference

Lebanon has long lacked recycling services or even basic trash sorting, exacerbating the trash problem.

The government has been criticized for failing to take action on Lebanon's antiquated infrastructure — a symptom of the country's dysfunctional sectarian power-sharing system that often leads to paralysis.

The civil war in neighbouring Syria and its 1.2 million-plus refugees now living in Lebanon have made the situation worse.

Despite a public outcry, very few have taken to the streets in protest. The situation may change, however, as anger on the street mounts.

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Secrets revealed in hunt for fugitive

ITALY

Mafia boss's messages said concealed on Sicilian farms

The No. 1 Cosa Nostra fugitive communicates with henchmen using written messages buried in dirt or hidden under boulders on sheep ranches, and comes and goes from Sicily, possibly thanks to high-level protection, investigators said Monday after nabbing some of his alleged accomplices.

In early morning raids in the countryside of western Sicily, police took into custody 11 men investigators contend helped convicted Mafia boss Matteo Messina Denaro wield power despite being at large since 1993.

Investigators described how Messina Denaro, 53, disdains telecommunications and relies on handwritten notes, or "pizzini,"' to relay orders. The notes were wadded tight, covered in tape and hidden under rocks or dug into soil until go-betweens retrieved them. The messages were ordered destroyed after being read.

Messina Denaro was convicted in absentia as a mastermind of 1993 bombings in Rome, Florence and Milan. The attacks were aimed at intimidating investigators after "Boss of Bosses" Salvatore Rina was arrested in Palermo following two decades as a fugitive. After the 2006 arrest of Bernardo Provenzano — and after 43 years in hiding — Messina Denaro became the most-wanted Mafia chieftain.

Police used eavesdropping devices and video cameras hidden in trees near farmhouses to help discover the message-delivery system.

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> Prosecutor Teresa Principato

During more than two years of investigation, police monitoring tapped phone conversations began to recognize a pattern.

Whenever one of the alleged Messina Denaro aides used to speak of "sheep," "fertilizer" and "ricotta," a cheese that can be made from sheep's milk, other suspects would soon come to the farmhouses, the Italian daily La Repubblica said, quoting one of the investigators. The investigators eventually figured out such farm talk were actually code words signalling there were messages for or from the fugitive.

Among those arrested was a 77-year-old sheep grazer who investigators said played a key role in the message system.

"Don't let yourself be deceived by the fact they were simple ranchers," Prosecutor Teresa Principato told reporters at a news conference in Palermo. "These were very loyal men of Messina Denaro" and who "carried weight inside the organization."

Principato said the fugitive sometimes "leaves Sicily and even Italy." How he eludes capture isn't known, but "after so many years and constant, punishing (investigative) work, he clearly enjoys some very, very important protection."

Palermo Police Official Rodolfo Ruperti said Messina Denaro commands loyalty from mobsters young and old with what the investigator called generations-bridging "charisma."

Infiltration of public works contracts remains another Sicilian Mafia revenue source, after mainland 'Ndrangheta mobsters started dominating cocaine trafficking. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police officers on Monday take into custody Ugo Di Leonardo, above, and Michele Gucciardi, below, two of the 11 men suspected of helping No. 1 Cosa Nostra fugitive Matteo Messina Denaro, in Palermo, Italy. ALESSANDRO FUCARINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW LEGISLATION

Kosovo approves special court to try top leaders for war crimes

Kosovo's Parliament on Monday approved a constitutional amendment to set up a special court to prosecute former leaders over war crimes, including the killing of hundreds of Serb civilians.

The 120-seat legislature voted 82-5 in favour of the change, with several abstentions. The vote comes after pressure from Kosovo's Western backers to pass the legislation and avoid Russian demands to deal with the allegations. In June, Parliament failed to pass the legislation amid objections from former rebels who had become politicians.

The assembly still needs to pass a law establishing the court, but the vote requires a simple majority of 61 votes and is expected to be adopted.

International judges and prosecutors will be entirely in charge of the proceedings, which are to take place outside Kosovo, most likely in the Netherlands.

Prime Minister Isa Mustafa said the creation of the court reflects international charges that Kosovo's justice system is unable to handle the cases.

A 2010 Council of Europe report claimed that Hashim Thaci, a former rebel leader turned politician, ran a criminal ring with other guerrillas that targeted Serbs, Roma and fellow ethnic Albanians. Thaci has denied the claims.

Kosovo's ethnic Albanians fought a separatist war against Serbia in 1998-99 and seceded in 2008 with strong backing from the United States. Many members of the now disbanded Kosovo Liberation Army are still considered heroes. Serbia rejects Kosovo's secession. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TECHNOLOGY

Nokia sells HERE Maps for $3.1 billion

A consortium of German automakers Audi, BMW and Daimler announced Monday it is buying Nokia's HERE map business in a deal that values the unit at 2.8 billion euros ($3.1 billion) and secures their access to technology that could eventually be used for driverless cars.

Nokia, based in Finland, has refocused its business on producing equipment for wireless networks after selling its mobile phone handset operation to Microsoft Corp. The company said it expects to receive slightly over 2.5 billion euros from the sale, with the purchasers being compensated for HERE liabilities totalling nearly 300 million euros.

The three rival German automakers said that HERE is "laying the foundations for the next generation of mobility and location-based services." They added that "for the automotive industry this is the basis for new assistance systems and ultimately fully autonomous driving."

The automakers said in a joint statement that they will each hold an equal stake in HERE and "none of them seeks to acquire a majority interest." They said that HERE's management will remain independent, with the goal of being a platform "open to all customers," and the consortium will not interfere in its operational business.

"High-precision digital maps are a crucial component of the mobility of the future," Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche said. "With the joint acquisition of HERE, we want to secure the independence of this central service for all vehicle manufacturers, suppliers and customers in other industries."

Analysts at IHS Automotive noted that HERE, along with TomTom, is one of two companies supplying navigable maps globally as an alternative to Google and Apple.

They said in a research note that the purchase by a consortium "may establish a de facto standard, giving the industry a unique opportunity to rally around specifications or processes that could ... hasten the onset of a connected and automated future mobility ecosystem."

The deal is expected to close in next year's first quarter.

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The next generation of the automotive industry

Matthias Machnig, a German deputy economy minister, said the acquisition is of "enormous significance from an industrial policy point of view." He added that it is "important that an open platform emerges that is open to further European manufacturers." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Employees of the Athens Stock Exchange look at stock prices in Athens, Greece, on Monday. Greece's main stock index plunged more than 22 per cent as it reopened Monday after a five-week closure. YORGOS KARAHALIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greek market plunges on return of trading

STOCK EXCHANGE

'Sense of panic' in Greece over trading losses, lack of buyers

Greece's top companies lost billions in market value in a matter of minutes on Monday, when the stock exchange plunged upon reopening after a five-week closure and investors worried over a dramatic new drop in the economy.

The main stock index shed more than 22 per cent soon after the open, as traders got their first opportunity since late June to react to the latest twists in the country's economic drama.

The index closed 16.2 per cent lower, with bank shares hitting or nearing the daily trading limit of a 30 per cent loss.

"There's a sense of panic," said Evangelos Sioutis, financial analyst and head of equities at Guardian Trust. He noted some traders are selling stock merely to raise cash because there is so little liquidity in the Greek economy.

"There are no buyers," he said. "The outlook is not clear."

Markets in the rest of the world, however, were largely unaffected, a sign that investors outside Greece have now largely cut off ties with the country after years of crisis there. European shares closed higher.

Greece's stock market and banks were closed on June 29, when the government put limits on money withdrawals and transfers to keep a run on the banks from bringing down the financial system. People were panicking over the prospect that the country could fall out of the euro after its talks with creditors broke down.

Greece has since then resumed talks with creditors and reopened its banks. Strict limits on cash withdrawals remain, however.

Financial information company Markit said its gauge of manufacturing activity in Greece plummeted during the month to 30.2 points, its lowest ever reading, despite improvements across the rest of the 19-country eurozone.

"Manufacturing output collapsed in July as the debt crisis came to a head," Markit economist Phil Smith said.

"Factories faced a record drop in new orders and were often unable to acquire the inputs they needed, particularly from abroad, as bank closures and capital restrictions badly hampered normal business activity."

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IN BRIEF

HSBC Canada's Q2 earnings drop 6.2 per cent

HSBC's Canadian subsidiary says its second-quarter profit was down 6.2 per cent from the same period of 2014 to $227 million CDN.

The bank said the decline for the three-month period ending June 30 was mainly due to margin compression, lower gains on financial investments and higher costs.

Profit attributable to the common shareholder was $161 million CDN for the second quarter, down 6.4 per cent compared with the same period a year earlier.

Return on average common equity was 14.0 per cent, compared with 15.6 per cent for the second quarter of last year.

Commenting on the results, HSBC Bank Canada president and CEO Sandra Stuart said "We are focused on growing our business in Canada, however, we do expect current challenges to continue including pressure on the oil sector and related industries and prevailing low interest rates."

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the big question

Should you be worried about picky eating?

Kids these days, with their trans-fat-free, glutenless organic yogurt. Or do yours only eat orange food? Picky eating might be maddening, but new research published in the journal Pediatrics has The Associated Press telling parents to "take heart ... the problem is rarely worth fretting over." On the other hand, the Wall Street Journal said it "may not be as harmless as is commonly believed." In actuality, the findings were fairly intuitive. If your two- to five-year-old kids complain about broccoli, there is little cause for concern. But, "severely picky" eaters — the three per cent of those studied who had difficulty eating with others due to their restrictions — were at least two times more likely to show symptoms of depression and social anxiety. No causation was shown.

SOURCES: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Calgary deserves good infrastructure, too

YOUR RIDE
Jeremy Klaszus

Remember the early controversy over the Peace Bridge? Politicians sneering over the use of a "superstar architect" from Spain? Pundits mocking the idea that such a bridge would ever be a tourist attraction?

With locals and tourists alike flocking to the bridge in droves just to take selfies on the damn thing, those criticisms seem laughably feeble in retrospect.

Now we're already seeing a similar evaporation of outrage regarding the downtown cycle tracks.

I was reminded of the Peace Bridge brouhaha after Saskatoon blogger and newspaper columnist Jordon Cooper visited the bridge earlier this summer. Afterward, he wrote that he'd never seen people so excited about a piece of infrastructure.

"A couple hundred people crossed it while I was there. Lots of tourists and families taking photos of their 'accomplishment' and documenting the bridge," he wrote. "Name me one place in Saskatoon where that happens."

If the bridge's early critics had their way, we'd be stuck with a cheap, inelegant, unphotogenic span that no one would use unless they had to. Because that was who Calgary was, we were told.

Ric McIver, who was on Calgary's city council until 2010, wanted a bare-bones, $5-million bridge instead of a $25-million one.

Coun. Diane Colley-Urquhart sent a letter to architect Santiago Calatrava asking him to refuse the city's contract. "Your beautiful extravagant bridges exceed what we can afford and wouldn't be worth your while," she wrote.

Even Naheed Nenshi was critical before he became mayor, worrying the bridge would benefit only Sunnyside residents.

"How exactly is a neighbourhood with a total population of 3,600 or so, supposed to generate 5,000 trips per day, particularly when it is already served by two other bridges?" Nenshi wrote in the Calgary Herald in 2009. "Aldermen need to remember that times are tough, and that a measure of frugality and creative problem-solving goes a long way."

Nigel Hannaford, another Herald columnist, said the bridge reminded him of futuristic cities in the comics he read as a kid: "However, Calgary is not Galactaville, and the year is not 2709."

He claimed to like the bridge's design, so long as it got built somewhere else. "Don't put it there, put it elsewhere, in Disneyland or Cape Canaveral. Put it in Edmonton, by all means," he wrote.

We heard the same arguments when the cycle tracks were being debated last year. Cycle tracks don't belong in Calgary — they belong in cities like Vancouver, Portland and Copenhagen. Calgary is different. (How exactly we're different, no one ever explains.)

With the cycle tracks built and open, that argument seems as silly as saying Calgary shouldn't have an elegant pedestrian bridge. Thanks to the cycle tracks, people are biking downtown for the first time. Like the Peace Bridge, the cycle tracks are a magnet for people.

It seems we're already forgetting what all the controversy was about.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Every time a friend of mine succeeds, a small part of me sighs

Mum says comparison is the quickest way to unhappiness.

I know she's right, but I can't stop it. And the worst is when I compare myself to friends.

The other day I listened to a friend recount a long list of creative projects she's accomplishing outside of a very busy job (a few zines, a few short stories, a blog), and secretly seethed.

I'm happy for her, but frustrated at myself. Part of that makes no sense (I've never wanted to make a zine) and part of it is all too familiar.

I completed a degree in creative writing, and since I started working in journalism, I've battled the idea that I'm failing somehow in comparison to friends who regularly write and publish their fiction and poetry.

We all want to be the best, or even just our best, but given how much some people seem to be able to accomplish in life, the high-water mark is murky.

Maybe my best is a dual career as a novelist and non-fiction writer, who also raises three kids, sings in a band and curates a home of well-chosen oddities from my travels.

It's surely more than I am doing right now, given that Netflix is my bedmate.

Or, maybe my best is to spend so much time with Netflix I become an unlikely pop-culture writer who parses the work of Ruby Rose for deeper human insight.

It's easy to avoid comparison to Rose herself. I never wanted to be an actor. It's much harder not to compare myself to my jet-setting reporter friend who is both kind and talented, or my powerhouse editor friend who will rule this insulated media town before too long. I do OK, because I love them and understand that we're different.

But the editor has fielded awkward treatment from women colleagues and friends less than comfortable with her success.

It seems that women know how to be friends, and know how to be professionals, but there is tension when the two entwine. Part of it, I think, is the sense that there's only room for so many women at the top. But every person jealous of a friend has to ask how much they value that friend. And if they do, they need to find a way to get over their jealousy.

My parents never told me what they want me to be, beyond a happy, good person. They haphazardly read this column, and are more concerned I call my grandmother; less concerned with my career trajectory.

So I have their example, as an antidote. And I bet I'll always need it.

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Politics overtake the cake

LAYERS OF MEANING

Bakeries slice up ideologies American style

It should be a piece of cake. Customer comes in, asks for a cake with a specific design or for a particular event, baker makes it, everyone's happy.

But sometimes customers and bakers have clashed over what goes on the cake, or whether to make it at all. An Oregon bakery was fined $135,000 for refusing to bake a cake for a lesbian couple's wedding. A baker in Colorado earned a customer's ire because she refused to write anti-gay messages on his cake. A Louisiana man posted a video to the Internet lambasting a local Wal-Mart for not making a cake with a Confederate flag on it.

Somehow, this mix of flour, butter, eggs and sugar with frosting on top has become yet another delivery system for American political debate, raising questions about where the customer's free speech ends and the baker's begins.

"Cake has had symbolic meaning in this country," even aside from politics, said Stephen Schmidt, food historian and writer for the Manuscripts Cookbook Survey. "We think of cake as something that can carry that meaning, whereas I don't think the French do."

But some political experts question whether frosting florets on a cake really are the best way to get your way of thinking out there. Would a strongly worded tweet, letter to the editor or yard sign be a better choice than the grand unveiling of the cake to the tune of Happy Birthday?

"There's got to be some kind of psychological profile of individuals who deem it important enough to have their politics on their cake," said Doug Muzzio, political science professor at Baruch College. "Have their cake and ideology, too."

Some of the most contentious fights have involved bakers who refused to make a cake for same-sex weddings, frays that have also entangled the likes of florists and photographers.

Bakery owners Aaron and Melissa Klein of Gresham, Ore., said their religious beliefs would be violated in 2013 if they made a wedding cake for a lesbian couple. The women filed a discrimination complaint and were awarded damages.

There's also been the reverse. Last year, when a customer wanted anti-gay messages on a cake, Marjorie Silva, owner of Azucar Bakery in Denver refused to do it. She told him that she would bake the cake, but that he would have to write his own messages.

"We're human beings, too; we have our beliefs, we should be respected," she said

Free speech issues have come into play in jurisdictions with laws banning discrimination against certain protected classes.

Some bakers have argued that being forced to make a cake for something that went against their religious beliefs was a form of compelled speech by the government, barred by the First Amendment.

But courts have ruled that a business open to the public has to be open to everyone.

"The answer so far that courts have given is, no, it's not coercion ... because you do have a choice" about whether to be in business to the public, said Nelson Tebbe, professor at Brooklyn Law School.

Images and words perceived as hateful have raised yet another flavour of cake fight.

A Louisiana man in June wanted a local Wal-Mart to make a cake with an image of the Confederate flag and the phrase "Heritage Not Hate," but was refused. Chuck Netzhammer then ordered a cake with a flag used by the Islamic State group, which he got. Wal-Mart apologized and said the cake was a mistake, made by an employee that didn't recognize the flag and what it represented.

In 2009, a New Jersey supermarket refused to make a cake for a child whose full name was Adolf Hitler Campbell. The boy's mother said the cake was eventually made by a store in Pennsylvania.

For some cake makers, it's not for them to go against the customers' wishes.

Stacey Leon, of New York City's Butterfly Bakeshop, said she and husband keep their personal feelings out of the oven. While they've never been asked to make a cake they thought was truly objectionable, they have made cakes for causes they don't personally believe in.

"If it's a political party that we don't agree with, that doesn't mean we're not going to make their cake," she said. "We just have to separate the way we feel from our business."

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Your credit score is only important if you ever want to borrow money to buy a house, a car, or anything else. It can also be a pretty significant factor in determining if you can rent a decent place (depending on the landlord). So if you don't mind living with your parents and taking public transit the rest of your life (an excellent wealth-building plan if you can stomach it), then your credit score might not be that significant.

For the rest of us, that little three-digit number can quickly become a mountainous obstacle if ignored for too long.

Even if your score isn't quite bad enough to completely prevent you from purchasing a car or a house, the difference it can make in regards to the interest rates you pay can mean thousands of extra dollars leaving your pocket.

Here's an example — two buddies each set out to buy their first car:

Johnny Savealot has a credit score of 775 after a few years of paying his bills on time and never borrowing more than he can repay at the end of the month.

John's buddy, Jimmy Yolo, has a credit score of 450. He's not too worried about money stuff like paying bills on time because it isn't what's really important in life. When he gets the third notice on his cellphone bill, or the landlord threatens to kick him out, he scrapes together the cash and it always seems to work out.

If John and Jim each want to purchase identical $20,000 (taxes included) used vehicles, and they each borrow $16,000 to do so, they will eventually pay very different overall prices for exactly the same car.

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Jimmy will have to get a subprime car loan because he is considered a higher risk and will have to settle for a 60-month loan at 20 per cent interest. He will be paying back the same $16,000 original debt over 60 months as Jim, but with about $9,400 in interest payments over that same stretch.

Obviously if a credit score can have that sort of impact on a car purchase, it can make a massive difference when it comes to mortgage payments on a house (if you can find a lender at all).

Don't be a Johnny Yolo; understanding how credit works will make that one life you have to live a lot more enjoyable.

CHECK IT OUT

Credit score tips

- Check your score regularly with the two credit reporting agencies: Transunion and Equifax. Make sure there are no errors.
- Pay your credit cards off at the end of every month. In a worst-case scenario at least make the minimum payment.
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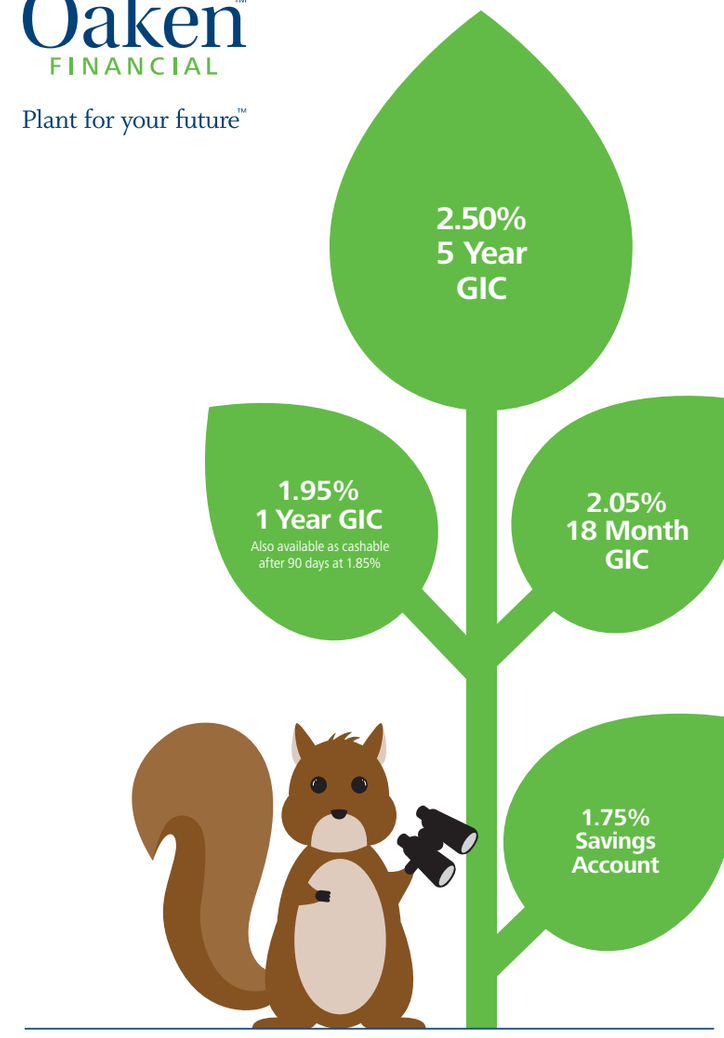

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ADVICE

Never act like a smug know-it-all, even if the boss is clueless

OFFICE RELATIONS

Eleni Deacon

They might in charge, but bosses don't always know best.

Maybe you're responsible for your organization's social media feeds, while your superior has never sent a tweet.

Or you could be the number-cruncher at a company where the CEO can't grasp basic math. When your understanding of your niche has your boss beat, articulating your needs and processes can be frustrating.

Here's how to navigate the knowledge gap.

First step: attitude check

Just because your manager lacks expertise in your area of specialization doesn't mean they're unintelligent or unqualified to lead.

High-ranking supervisors, especially if they are responsible for a range of teams across different departments, are likely more concerned with big-picture functioning than the nitty-gritty of individual positions.

So while your capabilities may far surpass your superior in certain domains, they probably possess a toolbox of skills you don't have.

After all, your boss' job isn't to do your job — it's to oversee your work.

Filling the cognitive holes

Which doesn't mean clueless leadership can't interfere with your day-to-day.

If you find yourself aggravated by your manager's missing intel, take it upon yourself to fill those cognitive holes. Adopt an informative approach, in which you provide thorough (and easy-to-follow) detail on the task or problem at hand, carefully outlining your favoured approach.

It might be tempting — and even self-satisfying — to passive-aggressively seethe over your boss' flimsy foundation in your particular sphere of interest.

But your work will go smoother if you arm them with the knowledge you wish they had.

Important: While offering your information, swap confrontation for collaboration. You may consider yourself smarter than your boss. Your relationship might be strained due to a perceived — or even real — lack of appreciation for your stresses and duties.

But if you want to educate the highers-up, don't act fed up. Be generous and patient with your explanations, and avoid smug or sarcastic comments.

Be an ally, not an enemy

During meetings, it may be a struggle not to roll your eyes — but you'll get a lot further if you establish yourself as an ally.

An oblivious boss can be a bummer — but they also represent an opportunity.

Instead of thinking of your uninformed manager as a nuisance, think of this situation as a chance to demonstrate your capabilities and authority within your professional realm.

Make your boss dependent on your insights, and your standing will rise. Then maybe, when the timing is right, you'll be made the boss.

"Help, I'm smarter than my boss!"

FEMINISM

For workplaces to be truly equal, men need to step up

Asia Ewart
Metro in New York

Men can do their part to make workplaces more equal. ISTOCK

Men, 2015 is the year you help women advance in the workplace. Despite a steady — but slow — increase in the number of women in high-ranking board positions, women in the working world are not advancing nearly as quickly as their male counterparts.

Men, however, can help.

"It's important for men (to get involved) because they control more of the influence and the power," says Hattie Hill, president and CEO of the Women's Foodservice Forum, which focuses on the leadership of women in companies like Kraft and Kellogg.

Hill spoke with Metro about four key ways men can help women break the glass ceiling.

Pay attention

Hill says that, for starters, men can increase their overall awareness about the issue by paying attention to workplace practices. Take note of the types of work females are assigned, ask them questions and get their opinions.

Give women more responsibilities/tougher tasks

Men in more powerful and senior positions should take advantage of their position to give more responsibilities and challenges to female staffers. An act as small as giving a female employee two or three extra things to do or switching up some of her tasks can get the ball rolling, says Hill. For example, if you notice a woman constantly taking meeting notes, delegate that task to someone else and give her another responsibility.

Shut down mansplaining

"If you're in a board meeting and a woman says something, and then a man comes back and says the same thing, you can speak up and say, 'You know, Mary just said that. Thank you, Mary, for that comment,'" Hill says. "It's changing the communication to be more effective."

Ask questions

Engage the women around you. "Ask them, in terms of your industry or your organization, 'What do you think we need to change?'" Hill says. Women in your workplace know the workings of the company and the politics of the work environment; they just haven't been asked about them yet.

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Price is money in debut

MLB

New Blue Jays ace strikes out 11 batters over eight innings

David Price Day had everything from rousing ovations and powering strikeouts to the thrill of danger and the offensive explosion the Toronto Blue Jays are known for.

Thanks to 11 strikeouts from Price in eight strong innings, his debut was also a 5-1 victory against the Minnesota Twins that put the Blue Jays in a tie for an American League wild-card spot.

"I just wanted to go out there and have fun, pitch as deep as possible into the game and keep it close for our offence," a smiling Price said. "I'm definitely thrilled with the way today went."

Price was dominant all afternoon, especially after he gave up a home run to Torii Hunter in the second and loaded the bases with no outs in the fourth. The ace left-hander acquired last week from the Detroit Tigers showed why the Blue Jays were willing to pay a hefty price, retiring the final 15 batters he faced.

"The place was alive," manager John Gibbons said of Price getting out of the bases-loaded jam. "That's hard to do. I don't care how good a pitcher you are. That's real hard to do. But he pulled it off and really ran from there."

As he walked off the mound following his 119th pitch, Price tipped his cap to the sellout crowd of 45,766 at Rogers Centre that fixated on and adored his every move. His 11 strikeouts tied a franchise record for a pitcher making his debut, and he allowed just three hits and two walks.

"That's what an ace does," said second baseman Ryan Goins, who hit a solo home run.

Price brushed off the strikeout record and said he would've rather gotten all 27 outs. But the way he dazzled the crowd contributed to the buzz on the holiday Monday in Toronto.

Running off the experiences in his career from the 2008 World Series run with the Tampa Bay Rays through last year's playoffs with the Tigers, Price put his Blue Jays debut at the top of the list.

"That was the best atmosphere I've ever been in," Price said. "I've pitched in quite a few big games, but that atmosphere today, that takes the cake. I've never experienced anything like that. That was cool."

When Price was in the dugout, the lineup Josh Donaldson confidently declared the best in baseball got to Minnesota starter Ervin Santana and the bullpen to the tune of eight hits and two home runs. In addition to Goins, Donaldson hit a two-run home run, his 27th of the season, and later heard chants of "M-V-P."

"It's not like we've seen it a couple times," Gibbons said of Donaldson's power. "He's been doing it all year."

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The Twins managed just one run off of David Price on Monday in Toronto. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BLUE JAYS	TWINS

RIO 2016 OLYMPICS

Schools to develop water cleanup strategy

Rio de Janeiro Gov. Luiz Fernando Pezao signed a deal Monday with several Brazilian universities and research institutes to develop a plan for cleaning up the polluted waters of the city's sewage-strewn Guanabara Bay, where Olympic sailing events will be held.

Pezao hailed the deal as a "very important step" toward the long-promised cleanup, which has dragged on for more than 20 years with little progress.

As part of Brazil's Olympic project, authorities pledged more than six years ago to drastically cut the amount of raw human sewage in the bay before the 2016 Games. But only one of the eight promised treatment plants aimed at filtering much of the waste out of the rivers that have become open-air sewage ditches has been built, and the bay's once-crystalline waters remain fetid.

> **"The bay can be in good shape in 2025, 2030 or even 2035."**
> Rogerio Vale, representing Rio's federal university

An Associated Press investigation published last week revealed high counts of disease-causing viruses directly linked to human sewage in Olympic waters.

In a statement from his office, Pezao was quoted as saying that since Rio won its Olympic bid in 2009, the city has boosted the treatment of sewage that once flowed into the bay from 17 per cent to 49 per cent. The original promise was to treat 80 per cent of sewage that ends up in the bay by the 2016 Games, but state and municipal officials have repeatedly acknowledged there's no way that pledge will be met.

Seven universities — six of them public institutions — as well as several research institutes will develop the new cleanup plan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Ticats improve to 8-0 at new stadium

Zach Collaros threw three TD passes as the Hamilton Tiger-Cats defeated the Toronto Argonauts 34-18 on Monday night to remain unbeaten at Tim Hortons Field.

Hamilton (3-2) improved to 8-0 overall at the facility and moved into a tie with Toronto (3-2) atop the East Division standings.

Collaros delivered the decisive blow against his former team with a three-yard TD pass to Bakari Grant at 3:35 of the third to put Hamilton ahead 28-9. It came after Toronto's failed third-down gamble at its 43-yard line.

Hamilton was victorious in its home opener before a sell-out of 24,135.

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TICATS	ARGOS

IN BRIEF

Burnett hopes to get back on mound this season

Pirates right-hander A.J. Burnett is hopeful of pitching again this season after an MRI on his pitching elbow revealed a strained flexor tendon rather than a torn ligament.

The 38-year-old Burnett said Monday that "I'm going to do everything I can to make it back." He reiterated that he will retire at the end of the season.

Doctors told Burnett to rest four weeks.

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SENATORS

Arbitrator awards Hoffman $2M deal

Ottawa Senators forward Mike Hoffman was awarded a $2-million US, one-year deal by an arbitrator.

Hoffman asked for $3.4 million and the Senators $1.75 million in player-elected salary arbitration.

The 25-year-old finished sixth in Calder Trophy voting for NHL rookie of the year with 27 goals and 21 assists.

Hoffman is set to be a restricted free agent again next summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mike Hoffman GETTY IMAGES

RECIPE Grilled Corn Coated with Creamy Dill Sauce and Feta Cheese

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If you want a real twist on grilled or steamed corn, try adding this delicious light and creamy sauce.

Serves 6

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 6 ears of corn, husks removed
- 3 Tbsp light mayonnaise
- 3 Tbsp light sour cream
- 2 Tbsp chopped dill
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- Salt and pepper
- 1 oz crumbled feta cheese
- Dash of red chili flakes or chipotle chili powder

Directions

1. Grill corn for about eight to 10 minutes, just until barely tender.

2. On a large plate, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, dill, lemon juice and salt and pepper.

3. Roll corn into mixture coating well. Sprinkle with feta cheese and red chili flakes.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 180
- Protein 6 g
- Carbohydrates 29 g
- Fibre 7 g
- Total fat 4.5 g
- Saturated fat 2 g
- Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 130 mg

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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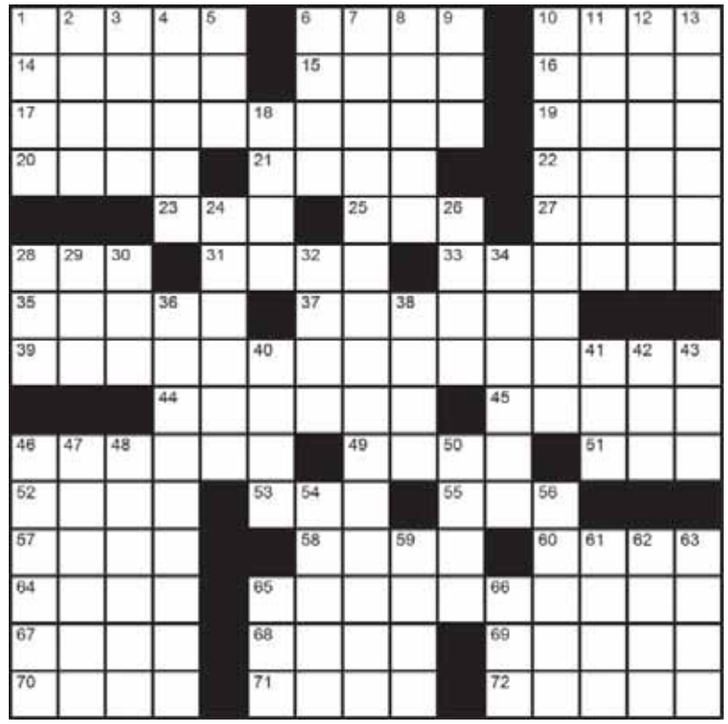

ACROSS
1. Move effortlessly across the dance floor
6. Earl Grey stirrers, e.g.
10. Aussie footwear
14. Bathroom cleanser
15. Shar-_ (Some dogs)
16. Movie part
17. Canadian musician/producer whose credits include being the bandleader on "Open Mike with Mike Bullard" and "Canadian Idol": 2 wds.
19. Men's cologne brand
20. Mexico currency
21. Golf tap
22. Mine passage
23. Elvis record label
25. Best, _-rated
27. Zippo
28. Dusk, to Donne
31. Toothbrush brand, _-B
33. Citrus fruit
35. Thundery event
37. Coffee machine, when the brewing is done
39. "The _ _" (1993 Kiefer Sutherland swashbuckler)
44. Beard style
45. More shipshape
46. Like surveillance footage at times
49. Hurried office memo letters
51. Friend, in France
52. Units in a gym user's set
53. Fireplace residue
55. Born, in wedding announcements
57. Dismounted
58. Tightly stretched
60. Quote
64. Wedding cake level
65. 1984 hit for Canadian band Honeymoon Suite: 3 wds.
67. Past person of Peru
68. Sacred looped cross
69. Rushing
70. At no time, in verse
71. Bruce Springsteen's nickname, The _
72. Aquatic mammal

DOWN
1. Lump of food
2. Ancient harp
3. Ancient Egyptian goddess
4. Giver
5. _ Lilly and Company
6. "Heart and Soul" '80s group
7. NFL team for Canadian tight end Luke Willson: 2 wds.
8. Prefix to 'graph' (Cave drawing, for instance)
9. Angry cat's noise
10. City/downtown: 2 wds.
11. 1992 Barenaked Ladies album
12. Using the paste
13. Glam furniture piece
18. Tussle
24. "Who do you think you're kidding?": 2 wds.
26. Vatican guy
28. Founded [abbr.]
29. Shakespearean suffix
30. Swed. neighbour
32. Adjoin
34. Enter again, using a computer keyboard
36. Official records keeper
38. Laboriously makes a living
40. Poet Ms. Angelou
41. Prohibition _
42. "Losing My Religion" b.a.n.d.
43. Mister, in India
46. Au _ (Way to serve scalloped potatoes)
47. Provide the coat with a new interior, say
48. For each one
50. Against
54. Secretarial skill, shortened
56. Acclaim
59. "Icky-poo!" equivalents
61. Research facil.
62. Carry
63. Washstand container
65. Apprehend
66. P, to Socrates

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Negative feelings will be swept away both at home and at work and life will be fun again. It will be even more fun if you help those who are feeling down learn to smile again.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you made an error recently then now is the time to stand up and admit it. Loved ones won't think any the less of you, in fact they will be impressed by your courage.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't worry if you have been unable to get through to loved ones because today's Venus-Jupiter union will make words redundant. They will see by the look in your eyes that your feelings for them have grown.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
There are things you have been unable to do of late but they will now come easy to you. In fact, there is nothing you cannot accomplish if you want it enough. Just don't waste time chasing what you don't need.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your confidence will improve, especially in one-to-one relationships. All the doubts, fears and anxieties of the past will be swept away by what takes place over the next few days.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Take stock of where you have been and where you intend to go in the very near future. Don't worry that you cannot make things happen immediately. There is no need to rush.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are more likely to reach the top of your chosen profession if you are prepared to work as part of a team rather than try to do everything yourself. Share the workload today.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
No one can get the better of you now, you are just too sharp. On the work front especially, your star is on the rise and people in positions of authority are watching you closely.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
No matter what certain people may be telling you there is every chance that you will taste success over the next few days. But it's only a chance, it's not guaranteed. Get up and out and make things happen.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something that has been worrying you will finally be resolved today and the sense of relief will last throughout the week. Now, why not go out and try something different?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
No matter how many upheavals there have been lately, what happens today will put everything in perspective. You have precious little to worry about.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Get things done. Even if you prefer to leave the nuts and bolts to other people you will actually enjoy taking care of details today. Just don't lose sight of the bigger picture.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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